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SEOUL FOR CONSUL GENERAL DAY

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SUBJECT: CONSULAR SECTION REQUIREMENTS

1. SUBSEQUENT TO RECEIPT OF MANILA'S 4752, THE BUREAU
IN CONSULTATION WITH SCA AND AMBASSADOR SULLIVAN, HAS
REACHED THE FOLLOWING DECISIONS:

A) AN ADDITIONAL AMERICAN OFFICER POSITION HAS BEEN AP-
PROVED FOR MANILA (AT THE EXPENSE OF ANOTHER EA POST), AND
2 FSL POSITIONS. THIS SHOULD BE CONSTRUED AS ADVANCING
ADDITIONAL STAFF STRENGTHENING PREVIOUSLY UNDER CONSIDERA-
TION FOR APPROVAL FOR FY 1977, AND IS LIKELY TO CONSTITUTE
ALL OF THE STAFF STRENGTHENING WHICH CAN BE AUTHORIZED FOR
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MANILA IN VIEW OF THE COMPETING DEMANDS OF CONSULAR OPERA-

TIONS ON A WORLDWIDE BASIS.

B) THE DEPARTMENT HAS APPROVED THE IMMINENT DEPARTURE OF A QUALIFIED VISA OFFICER FROM WASHINGTON FOR TDY SERVICES IN THE VISA SECTION THROUGH JUNE 30 (THE NAME, DATE OF ARRIVAL, ETC., WILL BE SUBJECT OF SEPTEL).

C) A TELEGRAM HAS BEEN SENT TO BANGKOK TODAY ORDERING JOHN W. VESSEY, FSO-7 CONSULAR OFFICER, TO PROCEED ASAP TO MANILA. VESSEY WILL SERVE ON TDY THROUGH JUNE 26, AFTER

WHICH HE WILL PROCEED TO CARRY OUT THE BALANCE OF HIS TRANSFER ORDERS.

D) THE DEPARTMENT RECOGNIZES THE POSSIBLE ADVERSE IMPLICATIONS OF AN IMMINENT DEPARTURE BY CONSUL NESS FROM MANILA. IN THIS REGARD, SCA ADVISES THAT WITHDRAWAL OF THE EXEQUATUR DOES NOT PRECLUDE MR. NESS' PERFORMING FUNCTIONS THAT DO NOT REQUIRE AN EXEQUATUR.

EMBASSY SHOULD THEREFORE CONSIDER THE FEASIBILITY OF REASSIGNING MR. NESS TO OTHER CONSULAR FUNCTIONS FOR THE INTERVAL ENVISIONED IN MANILA'S 4856. THIS, IN TURN, MAY PERMIT OFFICER WHOSE DUTIES NESS UNDERTAKES TO BE REASSIGNED TO THE VISA SECTION TEMPORARILY.

E) THE RECENTLY AUTHORIZED ADDITIONAL POSITION (NO. 692) WILL BE FILLED BY CAROLINE HESKIN, AS THE POST IS ALREADY AWARE. HER ETA IS ESTIMATED TO BE JUNE.

F) THE ADDITIONAL AMERICAN POSITION AUTHORIZED YESTERDAY WILL BE FILLED IN AUGUST. (POST COMPLEMENT INCREASE FOLLOWS BY POUCH.)

G) THE POST MAY FILL THE TWO FSL POSITIONS NOW.

2. WITH REGARD TO THE EMBASSY'S PLANS FOR REALLOCATING SPACE FOR A CONSULAR WAITING AREA AND RELATED PURPOSES, THE POST SHOULD COMPLETE THE PLANS AND OBTAIN COST ESTIMATES AT THE EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY AND ADVISE EA/EX ACCORDINGLY. THE POSSIBILITY OF OBTAINING FUNDING WILL BE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CONSIDERABLY ENHANCED BY PROMPT REPORTING OF THE COST ESTIMATES. IF THESE IMPROVEMENTS ARE TO BE DONE THEY MUST REPEAT MUST BE AUTHORIZED IN FY 76.

3. THE DEPARTMENT APPRECIATES THE PERSONAL CONSIDERATIONS WHICH HAVE HERETOFORE DETERMINED THE ETA OF CONSUL GENERAL LOIS DAY. BY COPY OF THIS TELEGRAM, HOWEVER, MS. DAY IS REQUESTED TO ENDEAVOR, IF POSSIBLE, TO ADVANCE HER

SCHEDULED ARRIVAL BY ANY FEASIBLE INCREMENT. KISSINGER

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